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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 2094

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR BL EC

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF HOST COUNTRY DRUG OFFICIALS

REF: A) STATE 064772 B) LA PAZ 4484 C) QUITO 1584

1. ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES WHICH THE QUITO MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS HAD IN MIND FOR SOME TIME IS THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS AND THE OFFICIALS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN THE EFFORT TO CONTROL ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. FOR THIS REASON THE MATTER WAS RAISED AT THE MONTHLY US/GOE NARCOTICS MEETING EARLY THIS MONTH, AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT INVITATIONS BE EXTENDED BY THE GOE AUTHORITIES TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN COLOMBIA AND PERU. THE IDEA WAS WARMLY RECEIVED.

2. WE HAVE MADE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT, HOWEVER, NOT TO APPEAR AS THE PROMOTER OF GOE MEETINGS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS  
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AND WONDER WHETHER ADOPTION OF SUCH A ROLE AS PROPOSED BY

LA PAZ IS REALLY WISE. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING PROGRESS IN SHOWING THAT THE CONTROL OF NARCOTICS IS NOT JUST A U.S. PROBLEM AND HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS. CERTAINLY, A REGIONAL MEETING OF THE KIND PROPOSED WOULD GIVE A GREATER IMPULSE TO OUR LATIN FRIENDS' DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IF IT WERE SPONSORED AND PAID FOR BY THEM AND NOT DONE WITH U.S. BUDGETARY SUPPORT, REGARDLESS OF HOW WE TRY TO KEEP THAT A SECRET.

3. IF DEPARTMENT NONETHELESS PROCEEDS WITH ITS IDEA, WE THINK ECUADOREANS WOULD FIND ATTENDANCE AT SUCH A MEETING A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS, ESPECIALLY COUNTERPARTS FROM PERU AND COLOMBIA.  
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